

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Humane Society of the United States and the Humane Society Legislative Fund on Wednesday presented its Legislative Leader Award to Rep. Sam Farr (D-Carmel).

Rep. Farr was recognized for his work in taking the lead on legislation opposing puppy imports and advocating for more humane poultry slaughter methods.

"My passion for animal rights goes back to my days in the California Assembly when I pushed through California's law banning puppy mills," Rep. Farr said. "It's important that Congress take the time to tackle issues like animal welfare. These are the kinds of things that really show us who we are as a society."

The HSUS and HSLF recognized 132 federal lawmakers on Wednesday for achieving a perfect score of 100 percent on the annual Humane Scorecard. Legislators were scored on a range of votes as well as their co-sponsorships of bills and participation in letter campaigns. The Humane Scorecard is available online at [www.fund.org/pdfs/110th\\_midterm\\_humanscorecard.pdf](http://www.fund.org/pdfs/110th_midterm_humanscorecard.pdf).

"These Senators and Representatives have shown a deep commitment to animal welfare, and The Humane Society of the United States and our supporters in California are very grateful for their efforts in Congress," said Wayne Pacelle, HSUS president and CEO.

Thirty senators and 102 representatives covering 38 states were honored on Wednesday evening. The full list of awardees is available online at [www.humanscorecard.org](http://www.humanscorecard.org).

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